

REMARKS

At the outset, applicants and their attorneys wish to thank the Examiners for the courtesy of the recent interview. The Examiners' careful attention to the application and helpful suggestions on that occasion are greatly appreciated.

At the interview, it was agreed that claim 54 would be amended, by adding the frame construction of claim 55 and the word "entirely". Claim 69 is corrected as to form.

At the conclusion of the interview, final judgment was withheld as to whether the application had thus been placed in condition for allowance. The Examiners acknowledged, however, that the changes to the claims overcome the basic reference which is U.S. Patent No. 4,674,251 to WOLFF.

The introductory portion of our specification sets forth prior art similar to WOLFF and points out its drawbacks. As is pointed out in the opening passages of the present application, it is known to use a metal frame within the plastic material; but this has the disadvantages as set forth on all of page 2 of the present specification.

WOLFF is typical of the prior art constructions. In WOLFF, the inner frame is assembled from lengthwise extending plastic members 9, assembled in combination with transverse reinforcing rods 12. Not only are the reinforcing rods subject to the corrosion and separation pointed out on page 2 of our

specification, but also the assembly of various parts into an inner frame is difficult and time consuming.

Thus, we have laid in the opening passages of our specification, the basis for asserting novelty and unobviousness of the present invention.

By contrast to this prior art, whether represented by WOLFF or by what we describe in our specification, the present invention uses as its reinforcing frame, an integrally formed plastic member entirely made of plastic and being rectangular in outline and defining at least one rectangular opening. This member, with its integrally formed spacers, can simply be dropped into the mold wherein it is properly positioned by the spacers, and a further plastic material can be overmolded thereon.

Of course, in WOLFF, once the complicated reinforcing frame is made and emplaced, then it is a simple matter to overmold the plastic on it. But it is the making and positioning of this complicated construction, and the unsatisfactory results that it produces afterward, that establishes the superiority and the unobviousness of the present invention.

As the claims as now constituted clearly bring out these distinctions with ample particularity, it is believed that they are all patentable, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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